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NOTE VERBALE DATED 28 JANUARY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF PARAGUAY TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Mission of Paraguay to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit the communiqué of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Paraguay on the conflict in the Persian Gulf issued at Asuncion on 26 January 1991.

The Permanent Mission of Paraguay to the United Nations would be grateful if this note and the attached communiqué could be circulated as documents of the Security Council.

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Communiqué

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Paraguay expresses the Paraguayan Government's repudiation of the attacks on the non-belligerent State of Israel by Iraq during the current war in the Persian Gulf and stands in solidarity with the Israeli people.

At the same time, as a member of the United Nations, Paraguay reiterates its support for the Security Council resolutions condemning the occupation of Kuwait by Iraq and aimed at restoring the situation obtaining prior to 2 August 1990.

Paraguay laments the loss of human life and the adverse consequences of the conflict and hopes for the prompt restoration of peace.

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LETTER DATED 28 JANUARY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform that a number of Iraqi military aircrafts have made emergency landing in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The National Security Council of the Islamic Republic, reiterating the position of the Islamic Republic of Iran concerning non-engagement in present hostilities, warned the belligerent parties to refrain from any use of Iranian airspace. It further decided that in the event of emergency landing of any aircraft of either side in the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the aircraft would be seized and held until the termination of hostilities.

In this connection, the Islamic Republic of Iran has registered to the government of Iraq its strong protest at the emergency landing of the above-mentioned aircrafts. Furthermore, reiterating the position of non-engagement of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the hostilities in the Persian Gulf and its commitment to resolutions of the Security Council, the Foreign Ministry of the Islamic Republic of Iran has informed the government of Iraq that, in line with relevant rules of international law, the Islamic Republic of Iran will not allow the use of military vessels and personnel who have entered the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran to any of the belligerent parties until the termination of hostilities.

It would be highly appreciated if this letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kamal KHARRAZI
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Permanent Representative

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LETTER DATED 28 JANUARY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF KUWAIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, in accordance with paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 678 (1990) and pursuant to my letter of 17 January 1991 (S/22094), I have the honour to inform you of the following:

A unit of the Kuwaiti armed forces has, in conjunction with the armed forces of fraternal and friendly States, carried out military operations against Iraqi installations with a view to ensuring the complete and unconditional withdrawal of Iraq from Kuwait, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the Security Council.

A unit of the Kuwait Navy took part in the attack against the oil rig occupied by Iraq.

Kuwait Air Force aircraft also took part in joint air operations directed primarily against ground-to-ground missile sites, missile launchers, artillery positions and concentrations of Iraqi mechanized units.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohammad A. ABULHASAN
Permanent Representative

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LETTER DATED 28 JANUARY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF KUWAIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement delivered on 26 January 1991 by the Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs and Executive Secretary General of the Regional Marine Environmental Protection Organization concerning the recent spilling of oil in the Gulf by Iraq.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohammad A. ABULHASAN
Permanent Representative

Annex

Statement delivered on 26 January 1991 by the Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs and Executive Secretary General of the Regional Marine Environmental Protection Organization concerning the recent spilling of oil in the Gulf by Iraq

By polluting the environment and causing this disaster in the Gulf, the Iraqi régime once again demonstrates its contempt for marine, ecological and, indeed, human life. These events clearly show that this operation was undertaken for purposes of sabotage. This is also demonstrated by the concentration in the Gulf of Iraqi tankers carrying light petroleum which the Iraqis can easily set afire whenever they feel the time is right. The enormous oil slick created by the Iraqi régime imperils all forms of marine life and ichthyological resources and even poses a threat to the water used in desalinization plants.

The competent organizations and the international forces have been asked to contain this disaster as a matter of urgency, for the Gulf is threatened with a catastrophe on a massive scale, one even more serious than the disaster created by Nirouz oilfield during the war between Iran and Iraq. An operation of this type is difficult even in time of peace. One hardly dares think of the problems it would create in wartime.